



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

2005

ANNUAL REPORT

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

On March 15, 2005, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners completed one hundred six years of service to the citizens of the state of Nevada.

The Legislature of the state of Nevada has delegated to the Board the responsibility to ensure, as far as possible, that only competent persons practice medicine in Nevada. The Legislature has declared that the powers conferred upon the Board by statute to accomplish this purpose must be liberally construed.

The Board is composed of nine members, six of whom by statute must be persons who are licensed to practice medicine in Nevada, actually engaged in the practice of medicine in Nevada, and have resided and practiced medicine in Nevada for at least five years preceding appointment to the Board. The three remaining members of the Board are public members who have resided in Nevada for at least five years, are not licensed in any state to practice any healing art, are not engaged in the administration of any health care facility, and who do not have any monetary interest in any matter pertaining to the healing arts, except as a patient or potential patient.

By statute, all of the members of the Board must be selected without regard to their individual political beliefs. All members are appointed by the Governor for a period of four years, and may be removed by the Governor for good cause. Board members may be reappointed to a second four-year term.

The Board has two Investigative Committees. Two members of each Investigative Committee are duly licensed medical physician Board members. Investigative Committee A is composed of three Board members, the Secretary-Treasurer, one public Board member by statute, and one additional Board member. Investigative Committee B is composed of three Board members, one public Board member by statute, and two additional Board members. The committees are charged with administering the disciplinary program of the Board.

The License Application and Malpractice Review Committee is composed of two physician Board members and one public Board member. The committee is charged with reviewing all license applications of practitioners of respiratory care who are subject to question and all physician applications where the physician has been the subject of malpractice complaints or has settlements/judgments in a total amount of \$500,000 or less.

The Internal Affairs Committee of the Board is chaired by the Vice President and consists of the Vice President and two other Board members. The committee is charged with serving as an advisor to the Board concerning personnel matters and conducting investigations and research within its area of responsibility.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Javaid Anwar, M.D., President

Dr. Anwar was appointed to the Board on September 1, 2003. He has practiced Internal Medicine in Las Vegas since 1977, and holds a medical degree from Pakistan. Dr. Anwar has served on numerous boards and committees with various Las Vegas hospitals and health maintenance organizations. He is the current President of the Board, Chairman of the Board's License Application and Malpractice Review Committee, and has served on one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Sohail U. Anjum, M.D., Vice President

Dr. Anjum was appointed to the Board on July 1, 2002. He has practiced Cardiology in Las Vegas since 1978, and holds a medical degree from Pakistan. Dr. Anjum has served on numerous committees with various Las Vegas hospitals. He is the current Vice President of the Board, Chairman of the Board's Internal Affairs Committee and Chairman of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Donald H. Baepler, Ph.D., D.Sc., Public Member, Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Baepler is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board on March 26, 1999. He is a former President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Chancellor of the University of Nevada System. Dr. Baepler is a Professor of Biology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Executive Director of the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History and the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies. He is the current Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, Chairman of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees, and serves on the Board's Internal Affairs Committee.

Marlene J. Kirch, Public Member

Mrs. Kirch is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board on July 1, 2001. She is employed by Wells Fargo Bank as Assistant Vice President and Senior Trust Officer. Mrs. Kirch holds a B.B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and advanced banking certifications from Southwestern Graduate School of Banking and Bank Marketing Association. She is active in various civic and professional associations. Mrs. Kirch currently serves as a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees, and has served on the Board's Internal Affairs Committee.

Charles N. Held, M.D.

Dr. Held was appointed to the Board on April 1, 2004. He holds a medical degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He practiced Pulmonary Medicine in Reno for 21 years and currently practices Pulmonary Medicine and Sleep Medicine in Gardnerville. Dr. Held has been on staff and served on committees in various northern Nevada hospitals. He currently serves as a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees, and has served on the Board's License Application and Malpractice Review Committee.

Jean Stoess, M.A., Public Member

Ms. Stoess is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board on July 1, 2004. Ms. Stoess holds an M.A. from the University of Nevada, Reno, and has a background in Public Policy. She has served on the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, the Regional Transportation Commission, the Washoe County Airport Authority and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Ms. Stoess currently serves as a member of both the Board's Internal Affairs Committee and License Application and Malpractice Review Committee.

Cindy Lamerson, M.D.

Dr. Lamerson was appointed to the Board on December 7, 2004. She holds a medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Lamerson has practiced Dermatology in Reno since 1999, and has been an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Reno for the past seven years. She currently serves as a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees, and has served on the Board's License Application and Malpractice Review Committee.

S. Daniel McBride, M.D.

Dr. McBride was appointed to the Board of September 1, 2005. He has practiced General Surgery in Las Vegas since 1981, and holds a medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. McBride currently serves as a member of one of the Board's two Investigative Committees.

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D.

Dr. Rodriguez was appointed to the Board on September 1, 2005. He has practiced Plastic Surgery in Las Vegas since 1995, and holds a medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He currently serves as a member of the Board's License Application and Malpractice Review Committee.

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STAFF MEMBERS**

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LICENSURE STATISTICS - MEDICAL DOCTORS

At the close of 2005 there were 5940 physicians holding licensure in Nevada. Of these, 4031 were actively practicing within the state, an additional 1076 physicians held active licenses but did not reside in Nevada, and the remaining 833 physicians registered their licenses in inactive status. Four Hundred Seventy-One (471) physicians were licensed for the first time by the BME during 2005. The chart below reflects a breakdown of the number of licensed physicians practicing in Nevada, by county, from 1987 through 2005.

COUNTY	YEAR:	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Carson City		66	74	72	73	79	90	88	95	98	104	110	109	115	127	125	137	141	141	143
Churchill		13	14	12	11	13	11	13	17	19	19	20	24	25	22	21	21	24	25	24
Clark		789	871	919	1021	1114	1199	1299	1418	1517	1701	1763	1907	2023	2153	2314	2321	2366	2578	2729
Douglas		21	21	23	28	22	24	30	36	37	43	48	54	57	63	67	72	74	82	79
Elko		23	21	23	29	25	24	21	26	29	39	39	41	43	48	50	48	41	41	42
Esmeralda		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0
Humboldt		5	6	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	7	7	8	9	8	7	6	7	6	6
Lander		3	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Lincoln		2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	3	1	2	1
Lyon		5	5	7	6	4	4	4	5	4	6	7	5	6	7	10	14	15	12	11
Mineral		5	5	3	3	3	3	5	6	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	6	4	6	6
Nye		8	8	9	9	7	6	6	9	8	11	10	13	15	18	18	21	22	23	20
Pershing		2	3	4	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Storey		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Washoe		540	572	579	617	611	636	661	693	692	734	732	778	797	824	889	879	903	944	952
White Pine		4	5	4	3	4	5	6	7	5	8	10	10	10	10	9	11	11	12	12
Total Active Status In-State		1487	1611	1666	1811	1895	2014	2144	2322	2424	2686	2760	2965	3113	3295	3523	3546	3616	3879	4031
Total Active Status Out-of-State		168	277	212	357	287	463	459	639	516	787	676	882	800	963	824	991	956	1206	1076
TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS		1654	1888	1878	2168	2182	2477	2603	2961	2840	3473	3436	3847	3913	4258	4347	4537	4572	5085	5107
Total Inactive and Retired Statuses		982	981	993	987	1031	1003	983	960	1068	1049	1174	1158	1099	1084	1033	1010	902	898	833
TOTAL LICENSED - ALL STATUSES		2637	2869	2871	3155	3213	3480	3586	3921	4008	4522	4610	5005	5012	5342	5380	5547	5474	5983	5940

LICENSURE / POPULATION STATISTICS - MEDICAL DOCTORS

<u>YEAR *</u>	<u>ACTIVE IN-STATE</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES</u>	<u>STATE POPULATION</u>	<u>RATIO OF ACTIVE IN-STATE M.D.S PER 100,000 POPULATION</u>
1980	1,158	201	800,000	144
1981	1,196	285	851,150	140
1982	1,308	234	878,260	148
1983	1,367	199	905,660	151
1984	1,366	205	933,010	146
1985	1,442	192	969,370	148

1986	1,524	134	1,010,280	151
1987	1,487	142	1,057,030	141
1988	1,611	216	1,124,650	143
1989	1,666	199	1,197,260	139
1990	1,811	202	1,283,490	141
1991	1,895	233	1,300,000	146
1992	2,014	241	1,348,400	149
1993	2,144	308	1,389,000	154
1994	2,322	333	1,493,000	155
1995	2,424	331	1,583,000	153
1996	2,686	427	1,638,000	158
1997	2,760	442	1,741,000	159
1998	2,965	391	1,875,000	158
1999	3,113	377	2,034,000	153
2000	3,295	411	2,115,000	156
2001	3,523	383	2,133,000	165
2002	3,546	335	2,206,000	161
2003	3,616	422	2,296,566	157
2004	3,879	538	2,410,768	161
2005	4,031	471	2,518,869	160

* CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY - DECEMBER)

<u>1980 - 2005:</u>	Total new licenses issued	7,852
26 years	Average new licenses per year	302
	Net gain in population	1,718,869
	Net gain in M.D.s	2,873
	Average net gain in M.D.s per year	111

NOTE: Statistics for the years 1970 - 1984 include all licensees.
 Statistics for the years 1985 - 2005 include active status licensees, only.

**MEDICAL DOCTOR LICENSURE APPLICATION PERCENTAGES
1970 - 2005**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LICENSE APPLICATIONS APPROVED</u>	<u>LICENSES DENIED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE APPROVED</u>
1970	64	2	96.9%
1971	76	0	100.0%
1972	91	4	95.6%
1973	106	3	97.2%
1974	150	4	97.4%
1975	178	9	95.2%
1976	173	4	97.7%
1977	193	10	95.1%
1978 *	264	9	96.7%
1979	239	11	95.6%
1980	201	6	97.1%
1981	285	11	96.3%
1982	234	5	97.9%
1983	199	7	96.5%
1984	205	7	96.6%

1985	192	5	97.5%
1986	134	5	96.4%
1987	142	5	96.6%
1988	216	7	96.9%
1989	199	15	93.0%
1990	202	3	98.5%
1991	233	3	98.7%
1992	241	2	99.2%
1993	308	1	99.7%
1994	333	1	99.7%
1995	331	5	98.5%
1996	427	2	99.5%
1997	442	0	100.0%
1998	391	1	99.9%
1999	377	1	99.9%
2000	411	2	99.5%
2001	383	5	98.7%
2002	335	3	99.1%
2003	422	6	98.6%
2004	538	4	99.3%
2005	471	5	98.9%

*Board application denials were not recorded prior to 1978.

NOTE: Statistics for the years 1970 - 1984 include all licensees.
Statistics for the years 1985 - 2005 include active status licensees, only.

**PREJUDICIAL AND NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
TAKEN AGAINST MEDICAL DOCTORS AS REPORTED TO
THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REVOCATION</u>	<u>PROBATION</u>	<u>SUSPENSION</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS *</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2005	2		4	12	18
2004			2	6	8
2003	4			13	17
2002	8	1		11	20
2001	12	4		4	20
2000	12	1		3	16
1999	10	1		4	15
1998	8	5		3	16
1997	8	2		6	16
1996	9	7		4	20
1995	1	1	2	21	25
1994	2	4		8	14
1993	1	3	1	10	15
1992	3		1	9	13
1991	3			10	13
1990	1	2		11	14
1989	2	1	1	8	12
1988	6	4	2	5	17
1987	2	4	3	3	12
1986	2	1	1	3	7
1985	11	3	3	11	28

* MISCELLANEOUS actions include:

- License Restriction
- Public Reprimand
- Licensure Denied
- CME Ordered
- Drug or Alcohol Treatment Program Ordered
- Competency Exams (Medical, Physical, Mental) Ordered

LICENSURE STATISTICS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Sixty-eight (68) physician assistants were licensed for the first time by the BME during 2005. At the close of 2005, there were 339 physician assistants holding licensure and practicing in Nevada. The chart below reflects a breakdown of the number of licensed physician assistants practicing in Nevada, by county, from 1992 through 2005.

<u>YEAR</u>	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>COUNTY</u>														
Carson City	5	5	5	3	3	2	5	7	9	11	11	9	9	12
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	5	6	5
Clark	40	44	58	72	72	77	94	118	116	129	153	173	215	230
Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	4	6	4	8
Elko	1	2	4	4	4	7	9	6	6	6	7	3	3	3
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Lander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lincoln	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lyon	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	4	2	1	1	4	4
Mineral	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
Nye	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	6	8	6	8	5	7	10
Pershing	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Washoe	3	4	7	10	10	18	23	26	25	28	30	41	48	61
White Pine	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

TOTAL	56	65	82	98	100	113	141	174	176	194	223	248	302	339

LICENSURE STATISTICS - PRACTITIONERS OF RESPIRATORY CARE

One hundred one (101) practitioners of respiratory care were licensed for the first time by the BME during 2005. At the close of 2005 there were 787 practitioners of respiratory care holding licensure and practicing in Nevada. The chart below reflects a breakdown of the number of licensed practitioners of respiratory care practicing in Nevada, by county, from 2001 through 2005.

<u>YEAR</u>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>COUNTY</u>					
Carson City	11	14	10	11	9
Churchill	5	4	8	9	8
Clark	399	449	491	557	557
Douglas	12	19	13	13	12
Elko	6	6	5	5	7
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	10	5	6	3
Lander	2	2	2	2	2
Lincoln	2	2	2	2	2
Lyon	10	16	18	19	19
Mineral	2	2	2	2	2
Nye	7	15	7	10	11
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	1	1	1	1	1
Washoe	122	154	152	163	151
White Pine	2	1	3	3	3

TOTAL	587*	748*	719	803	787

*The totals for 2001 and 2002 included practitioners of respiratory care who were licensed in Nevada, but not practicing in Nevada.

**MEDICAL DOCTOR LICENSURE REGISTRATION FEES
JANUARY 1, 1980 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>BIENNIAL</u>
January 1980 - December 1980	\$ 50	N/A
January 1981 - December 1981	50	N/A
January 1982 - December 1982	50	N/A
January 1983 - December 1983	50	N/A
January 1984 - December 1984	75	N/A
January 1985 - December 1985	100	N/A
July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1987	150 150	\$300
July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1989	150 150	300
July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1991	150 150	300
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1993	200 200	400
July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1995	160 160	320
July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1997	210 210	420
July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1999	300 300	600
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2001	300 300	600
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2003	300 300	600
July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2005	200 200	400
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007	300 300	600

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

CASE SUMMARY - 2005

Number of Investigations Opened in 2005:	611
**Number of Investigations that Resulted in Disciplinary Action in 2005:	15
Number of Investigations Closed in 2005:	601

** Disciplinary actions taken regardless of year of investigation.

** Does not include six (6) denials of licensure, which is a reportable disciplinary event.